



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Gaspard, et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC DISCOVERY OF
NETWORK DEVICES WITH DATA FORWARDING CAPABILITIES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 26 as follows:

26. The method of claim 25 wherein said step of receiving said fifth message from
said fifth device comprises receiving a SNMP message.

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